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*All of the people that came here  
tonight to voice their opinion  
should come so we can address  
their concerns.*

## Randolph Gear

"I'm glad that we're getting a golf course at

Gateway – which is situated around an 18-hole golf course near Beverly and Van Born roads – has been under construction for about six years. The lure of a golf course community at an affordable price attracted many new residents, including Bedder, who moved in his home in 2001.

The study session will take place at city hall, 11111 Wayne Road. The meeting is open to the public.

## The winner

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce recognized Downtown Development Authority Director Maria Lambert as the 25th Person of the Year at the Crown Plaza Hotel recently. After she accepted the award, Lambert collected further resolutions and certificates from Gov. Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Rep. John Dingell, and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert congratulated Lambert and delivered a proclamation designating March 10 as "Maria Lambert Day."

# Candidates narrowed down to 4

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Carl Weiss, the deputy superintendent of Dearborn Heights District 7 and Sheryl Thomas, the executive director of leadership and accountability for Detroit Public Schools participated in the

## Renters may lose if complex is razed

"I came here tonight because I wanted to see if we can get some kind of guarantee that they won't ask us to move in the middle of the

Airport West – a group of economy apartments that used to serve

The Airport West Apartments, on Hildebrand Road near Middlebelt, would likely be razed if First Industrial, the developer that recently submitted an option to purchase the property from a

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# Legislation promotes use of alternative fuels

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

It's a new trend that could be driving the future of Michigan.

Renewable fuel, an 85 percent blend of ethanol (E85) and a 5 percent blend and up of biodiesel (B5), is what many legislators are pushing as a way for the state to move forward in the automotive industry.

Michigan House Republicans proposed legislation—House Bill 5751—to help spur the growth in the Michigan agriculture industry by encouraging retail access to alternative fuels.

The package of bills would provide tax incentives for consumers by cutting the end cost of renewable fuels and give gas stations the opportunity to receive a grant of up to 50 percent of the total cost for the construction of a new E85 pump that could be up to \$15,000 per facility, providing more business and economic development for Michigan retailers. The bill would also create 10 new renaissance zones in Michigan specifically for manufacturing alternative energy to increase the supply of E85 for business and industry. The Department of Agriculture would be required to test diesel fuels to ensure Michigan residents are receiving the best quality fuels.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) is just

one of the legislators who would like to stimulate the production of more fuel efficient vehicles and provide renewable fuels for consumers.

"Here we're talking about the ability to use agriculture products, which we have an abundance of opposed to oil," he said. "It's important for us to take advantage of a growing industry that we can benefit from, produce jobs in Michigan and at the same time help find alternative fuels to get away from dependency on oil."

According to state officials, a nationwide effort is under way to reduce that dependency on foreign oil and develop innovative ideas to rebuild the economy.

President George Bush recently called to expand research into cellulosic ethanol, which includes corn stalks, grain straw, switch grass and wood chips. While renewable fuels provide many incentives to the economy, environment and consumers, E85 burns faster than regular unleaded resulting in reduced gas mileage. LaJoy's portion of the bill would provide fuel tax exemptions and incentives for people to buy it, he said.

"This is a where the tax incentives and lower costs come in for consumers and fuel-efficient vehicles," said LaJoy. "Even with lower gas mileage, E85 is still cheaper than regular unleaded and in the end proves to be more efficient for consumers. Michigan

can't lose out on the opportunity to become a leader in producing renewable fuels while competing states move forward."

Others, such as Donna Napolitano, founder of Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton Township, said in her opinion, there is a grassroots movement toward wider use of alternative energy.

During the 21 years she has been in the business of solar energy heating and cooling, she said she has seen some progress.

"The thing is, here in Michigan we have a huge energy need, but we don't have a whole lot of energy sources," said Napolitano. "Most of our energy comes from sources outside of Michigan and it's hurting us to import it here. We are kind of victims to the outside cost of utilities and resources for energy. If we don't do anything it hurts our state by bringing in all these utilities."

Education is a big obstacle to the acceptance and use of alternative energies, according to Napolitano.

"We are tied into this," she said.

LaJoy stressed the need to be a leader in the alternative fuel initiative. This year alone, General Motors and Ford Motor Co. will produce 650,000 E85 vehicles, which means Michigan needs to increase the availability of gas pumps that provide E85.

"People like the idea of having alternative fuels," said LaJoy. "One example is

Illinois. They've increased to more than 100 gas stations supplying it and it's really taken off."

Currently, there are only four gas stations in Michigan that contain E85 fuels, but Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said he would like to see at least 20 gas stations in the county sell this alternative fuel by 2007.

"Now, we're working with Michigan State University to get an ethanol plant here in Wayne County, plus continue with other alternative fuel companies looking to locate in this area," Ficano said.

Neither Ficano nor LaJoy said they see any major downfalls to the fuel alternative.

"It's about getting the word out and getting people use to it," said LaJoy. "It's got a way to go, but it's a start."

"The only downfall I see is there's not enough availability, but this alternative fuel is efficient, just as good and cleaner," said Ficano.

Ficano added he could see alternative fuel replacing regular oil someday, but it's all a matter of time.

The state house approved House Bill 5751 March 16. It will now go to the state senate and hopefully to the governor from there, LaJoy said.

Staff Writer Kevin Hill contributed to this story.

## Van Buren Township board OKs hiring of 2 new employees

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the creation, advertisement for and hiring of an information technology director and a public safety information technology coordinator last Tuesday.

According to Supervisor Cindy King, the need for internal information technology staffing was the number one recommendation of an assessment recently completed by Plante Moran Technology Consulting and Solutions Practice.

It was a result of an in-depth evaluation of the current technology staffing, skills and support.

The positions will permit the township to improve the method which they are currently addressing information technology ser-

vices by providing in-house leadership and guidance, along with technical abilities to address the many information technologies. It will also result in a cost savings.

The salary will range from \$52,000-62,000 annually for the

director and \$42,000-50,000 annually for the public safety coordinator.

The position for the information technology director will be filled first and will take about three to four months, officials said.

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# Candidate hopes experience means a May victory

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

School board trustee Ken Meinkiewicz hopes that four years coping with trying fiscal times and more than 28 years experience in education will secure him a second four-year term on the Romulus Community School Board of Education.

Meinkiewicz, 63, said that being a teacher and counselor in the Wayne-Westland public schools – coupled with his first four years on the Romulus board – has given him a well-rounded perspective about the many issues the district will face.

“As an educator for as long as I was, you get experience dealing with students, teachers, athletic directors, budgets – all of the things you see as a board member,” he said. “My career prepared me very well for the chal-

lenges.”

A teacher and counselor for 20 years in the Cherry Hill School District in Inkster, Meinkiewicz was folded into the Wayne-Westland system when Cherry Hill was disbanded. From there, Meinkiewicz taught businesses classes and worked as a guidance counselor at both John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools. He later managed the entire counseling staff at John Glenn. He retired two years ago.

A lingering interest in education – and some of the issues students and educators were facing in his hometown of Romulus – prompted him to seek an open school board seat in 2002.

“I just felt with my experience, that I had a lot to offer,” he said.

Experience on both sides of the schools game is something Meinkiewicz thinks voters appre-

ciate. He added that his experience will help him with three tasks the district must cope with during the coming months.

“The first thing we need to do is make sure that – with the new graduation requirements coming – we meet all of the mandates and transition the kids into new programs to teach the new requirements,” he said. “I just came back from a meeting in Lansing, and there are going to be quite a few changes for educators and students, and it’s going to take a tremendous amount of work on our part to make sure everything is handled smoothly.”

The district must accomplish this as many top administrators retire. “We’re looking for a new superintendent right now because of the buyouts, and more people will leave next year,” he said. “It’s imperative we find the right people to fill these spots.

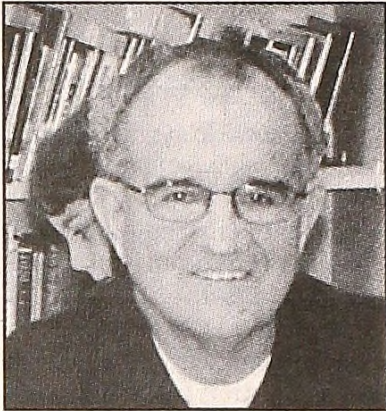
The new requirements – and the budget issues – are going to be formidable going forward.”

As a school board member, Meinkiewicz approved a buyout deal that trimmed about 34 staff members from the district. The plan was devised to stave off a \$1 million budget shortfall in 2005.

Michigan Education Assessment Test (MEAP) scores, some of which were not as high as the district expected, will improve as new graduation requirements come on line, said Meinkiewicz.

“There’s going to be some new teaching methods that come into play with the requirements, and I think that ultimately going to improve our test results,” he said.

Meinkiewicz, by the time he accepted a buyout from Wayne-Westland Schools, spent 28 years in education. He earned a bachelor’s degree in education from



Ken Meinkiewicz

Eastern Michigan University, and a master’s degree in educational counseling from the same institution.

He will face incumbent Celeste Roscoe and challengers Diane Funderburg and Leo Knasiak for one of two available terms.

The school board election takes place May 8.

## News in brief

### Police to purchase new radios

Romulus City Council members have agreed to use \$9,500 from the city public safety account to purchase 10 Motorola hand-held radios.

Police often use the radios to communicate at crime scenes and places where it is difficult for officers to keep in touch with commanders and other personnel.

Typically, the radios cost \$1,200 each. Motorola, who was chosen by the State of Michigan as its mobile radio provider, is offering the city a price of \$950 each – a significant discount, according to Purchasing Director Lynn Conway.

Motorola will also provide equipment to upgrade the existing department equipment to ensure the radios are compatible with that already purchased.

### Cruiser lights to be overhauled

Police cruisers will have a slightly different look when overhead light bars are converted to modern lights that are placed within the vehicle.

The city council approved the conversion – which will cost \$28,000 – at the regular meeting Monday.

The city sent out a notice to bid to several companies for the work last month. The contract was awarded to Priority One of Livonia. The other bidders were Hermiker Radio of Monroe and Canfield Equipment of Warren.

Funds to pay for the new lights will be taken from a federal law enforcement fund.

# Inkster could be transit rail stop

A light rail line that extends from the largest city in the state, Detroit, to one of the most affluent, Ann Arbor, could be a harbinger of good things for Inkster, officials said.

Residents of Inkster – one several municipalities that could have a “stop” on the rail route – may be able to move about the region inexpensively and with ease if the railway becomes a reality. It’s not guaranteed that every municipality would have a drop off point, but it’s something the city should pursue, said City Manager Joyce Parker.

“There would be a number of benefits for the city in terms of revitalization,” she said. “There would be a station there, and from what we’ve seen in other communities with a rail system, there are new development opportunities.”

The other side of the coin is ease of travel for residents, said Mayor Hilliard Hampton, who sits on the committee for the Detroit Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis Study, which was formed by SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) three years ago to

explore creating a regional mass transit plan.

“There would be tremendous benefits for residents in terms of job creating, and job accessibility,” said Hampton, who wrote a letter to SEMCOG to pursue a rail station. “There are people who have transportation difficulties in our community, and this would mean they can travel in comfort without a vehicle.”

SEMCOG has studied the feasibility of a rail from Ann Arbor to Detroit for several years. The current study is looking at transportation needs, options, and environmental factors. The 50-mile-long route could have about 12 stops, according to the study.

A transit study was undertaken by SEMCOG to address a crippling lack of mass transit in Michigan, which has left residents of poorer neighborhoods unable to access employment and educational opportunities in other areas simply because they can’t afford a vehicle, or for whatever reason, cannot drive.

Unemployment would be the chief reason the city should be considered for a site, said Parker.

“Our unemployment rate is

usually a little higher than most cities, and that’s not good considering the numbers the state has,” she said. National statistics indicate that the state of Michigan still has unemployment levels higher than the average in the United States, mostly because of manufacturing job losses.

For most of 2005, the city unemployment rate hovered around 11 percent, which is significantly higher than the state rate of 6.6 percent.

There are a handful of sites where a station could be constructed, but the most feasible so far appears on Hivley Street, behind the former Social Services facility, Hampton said.

“That would be in and about where the rail would be,” he said. “And it’s a neighborhood in need of revitalization.”

The goal of the SEMCOG initiative is to have some sort of affordable mass transit in place by 2030.

The study is still under way, though some preliminary data was made public last year. The complete study will conclude this spring, according to information from SEMCOG.

## Position

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forum. Tonight, Deborah Clarke, the superintendent of Buena Vista Schools; and Sharron Jenkins Norman, the director of curriculum, assessment and professional development for Lansing Community Schools will meet the public.

District Spokesman Dick Kruse said this could be the only opportunity parents have to meet the candidates.

“This is a good time for the public to ask questions,” he said. “Candidates will be able to directly respond to those questions.”

Finding a new superintendent to replace the retiring Joel Carr has been a long process that is nowhere near complete. The district hired MASB, which advertised the position statewide. By the beginning of this year, 24 resumes were received. The

field was narrowed by MASB and the board to nine candidates, all of whom interviewed publicly last week.

After the question and answer session, field will likely be narrowed again, and more interviews will take place, Kruse said.

Board Trustee Ken Meinkiewicz said he believes the candidate with the most experience handling budgets would be hired. Though board members said having served as a superintendent would be an important factor in the final decision, two candidates with that experience were eliminated. Of the four finalists, only two are presently employed as a superintendent.

A majority vote by the seven-member school board is required before a candidate is hired. The superintendent will oversee a district with a \$17 million budget and about 4,000 students.

The total compensation package for the position equals \$150,000, Kruse said.

## Apartments

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as military barracks – costs residents from \$450 to \$475 for rent.

Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg said she’s concerned about the residents, most of whom are from modest means.

“The residents there don’t have the means to pick up and move quickly, and there are kids involved,” she said. “There needs to be provision in there that they won’t ask them to move in the middle of the school year.”

Many of the homes that used to be in the area have been purchased and leveled by the airport during the last 15 years to make room for development. Councilman William Crova, in

response to residents questions about the construction of another warehouse, said he property is valuable because the land is zoned for heavy industrial development.

“We have a few areas like this that are for heavy industrial development, it’s to accommodate the airport,” he said. “We can’t stop someone from selling property that they own, and I think the residents need to realize the owner is probably going to sell the property.”

Residents have had a difficult time locating the owner – the complex apparently has changed hands. Tim Keyes, the economic development director for the city, said he’s willing to help the residents and work with the owner should construction of a warehouse begin.

“This is a long process, and (First Industrial) hasn’t submitted a site plan,” he told the residents. “They have an option to purchase the land, so it’s going to be a while.”

Michael LeBar of First Industrial said he’s sure that a plan can be worked out.

“We’ve just optioned the land, and nothing is finalized,” he said. “We then have to go through the planning commission process, so it’s not as though we’re going to ask people to move without notice. We can work with the (complex’s) owner.”

Still, the prospect of having to find a new place – even if it down the road – is difficult for some.

“There aren’t many places out there for \$450 a month,” said Ken Jones, who rents two apartments at Airport West.



# Ladies Literary Club marks 110th anniversary

Scott Spielman  
Editor

*"Tis well to be amused, but when amusement does instruction bring, 'tis better."*

If that language sounds a bit archaic, it's because it probably should. It's the motto of the Ladies' Literary Club, which was founded on Oct. 18, 1896 and has been meeting continually ever since.

"This fall, we'll celebrate our 110th year," said Darlene Hawley, a past president and still active participant in the club. "That's non-stop meetings. I don't think I know of a time when we ever missed a meeting."

The group formed in Wayne and was initially known as the Wayne Ladies' Literary Club, according to Sue Hawley, co-president of the club this year. The women initially met in each others' homes on a rotating basis, often dressing up and making a big production out of their evening out. The community was still small at the time and the women didn't have too many options for social affairs.

"They got together to stimulate each other, intellectually," Sue Hawley said.

The group has expanded since then, of course, both in scope and in membership. They added Westland to the name during the 1960s and eventually dropped that moniker as they drew in



Members of the Ladies' Literary Club dressed up in period costume to celebrate an anniversary of the club in 1966.

membership from all over western Wayne County. The Ladies Literary Club now boasts members from Wayne, Westland, Canton, Northville, Plymouth and beyond.

And they're looking for more, too.

Joining the club is a lot easier than it was in the old days, according to Darlene Hawley. When she joined during the 1960s, there was a review committee that overlooked the application.

"The club was pretty tight," she said. "It wasn't exactly easy to get

*"It wasn't exactly easy to get in. Now we're out there begging for people."*

in. Now we're out there begging for people," she added with a laugh.

The group meets on the third Thursday of the month, usually at a member's home although they sometimes move to other venues for their speakers and activities.

Last month, they listened to a local poet at the Wayne Library. Before that they brought in a certified personal trainer for activities and information at the First Congregational Church in Wayne. They've taken other trips to restaurants and theater events, too.

"It's always different, It's always something topical," Hawley said of the monthly meetings. The group is currently planning their largest annual fundraiser, a Second Time Around Sale, which is scheduled for April 8 at the First

Congregational Church (see related story, page 11).

Many members of the club have been involved for a long period of time, according to the Hawleys and they often know each other from outside the club, too. They, along with Carol Bloomfield, the other co-president this year, are all retired teachers who taught at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School in Wayne.

That might make it an intimidating group to join — Hawley said she was a little nervous when she was invited as a 24-year-old newlywed that didn't know too many people — but it is a friendly bunch. She said her fears proved unfounded, as the initial lines of *A Collect For Women* by Mary Stewart — featured on the third page of their annual program — suggest: "Keep us, O God, from pettiness..."

Anyone who wants to join the club can call them for information at (734) 641-9188.

"We're all wonderful people," Sue Hawley said with a smile. "I don't see why anyone wouldn't want to join."

Bloomfield agreed. "The fellowship and the variety of activities we do is pretty neat," she said.

"It's fun to be a part of it," Darlene Hawley added. "There are so many good people in the community and it's nice to stay in touch and get together with them."

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## Respect their sacrifice

We've seen an alarming trend come to the State of Michigan with a group of protestors disrupting the funerals of servicemen killed in the line of duty in Iraq.

The protests were started by the Rev. Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, KS. Drawing an inexplicable connection between these sad losses and homosexuality, Phelps claims the death of U.S. soldiers is God's wrath on America.

This, on many levels, is just sad.

In response to the protests, State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) has introduced legislation to limit protests at military funerals. Senate Bill 1171 would prohibit those demonstrations within 500 feet of a military funeral during the event as well as an hour before or after it. It's a tricky thing to do because it has the capacity to chip away at the First Amendment right to protest, but it's also the right thing to do.

These families have suffered enough, haven't they? It's a difficult thing to lose a child at any age and the last thing they or their friends need is to witness such a radical spectacle.

These young men and women gave their lives in sacrifice to our nation and they deserve to be treated with the utmost respect. Their loved ones should be allowed the opportunity to say goodbye in peace and dignity.

The legislation is solid in that it doesn't eliminate the ability to have such protests, which would be blatantly unconstitutional. Rather it limits where and when they can take place and is confined to include only military funerals.

Michigan is not alone in this action. A law in requires protesters to stay at least 300 feet from funerals or memorial services. Those who don't can get up to a year in jail. Similar laws are in place in four other states, too.

It's sad that a group like Phelps' would take advantage of this opportunity to spout a message of intolerance. Such a statement goes against the very fabric of open mindedness and tolerance on which our country was supposedly founded. The need for such legislation is, in that respect, a little discouraging, but it serves as an important reminder.

We'd much rather see a more positive approach, like the one taken by a group called the Patriot Guard Riders, a group of veterans who show up at funerals to show their respect and to drown out the voices of the protesters.

That's a cause we would gladly join.

## Sumpter loss is Belleville gain

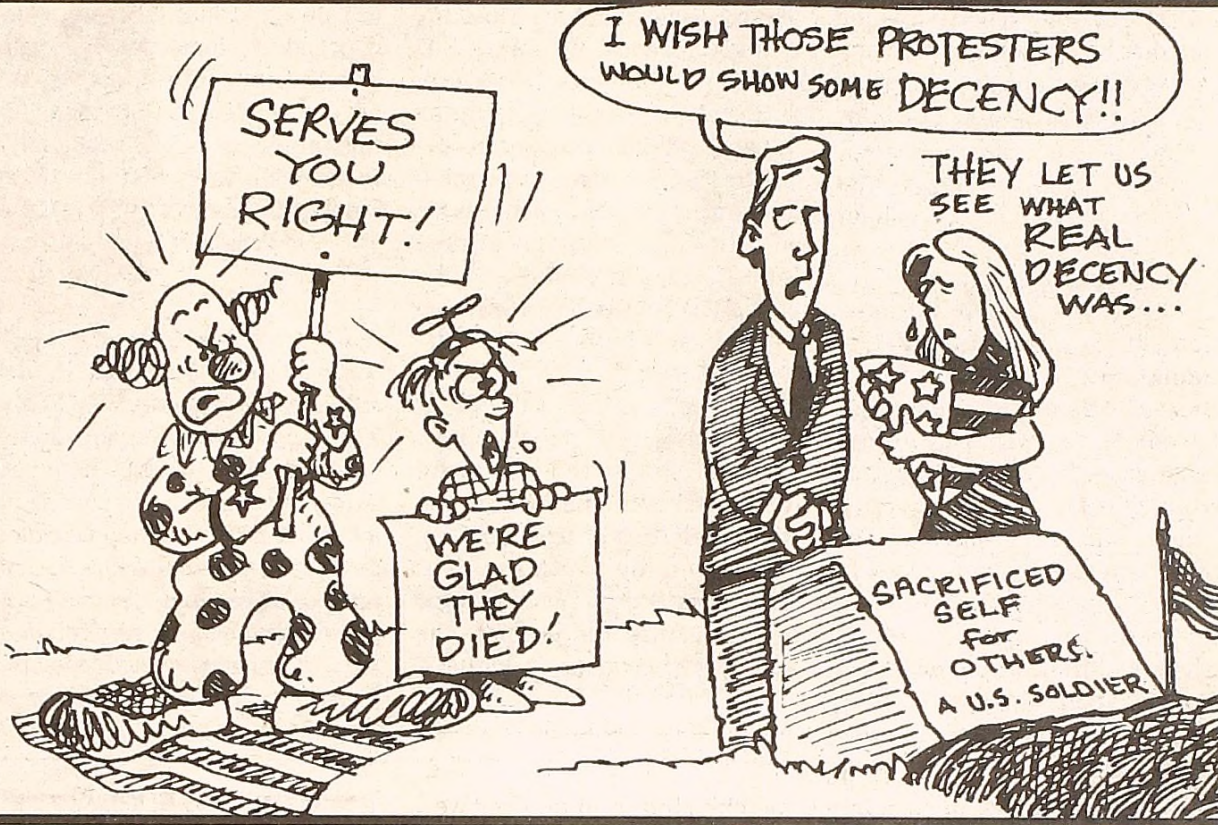
Well, it's official. The City of Belleville and Sumpter Township have severed the ties of their Combined Dispatch Network.

Officials in the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township agreed on a deal last week that will see dispatch and lockup services for the city performed by Van Buren Township, a deal that will help both sides. Belleville will save money – something the landlocked city desperately needs to do – and Van Buren Township will build up a relationship with its neighbor to the south.

It's the best agreement that could be hoped for under the circumstances. Officials in Belleville performed their due diligence, too, before they decided to part ways with Sumpter Township. For years they've been asking for a revision of the cost-sharing formula between the two municipalities that would reflect the growth in Sumpter as well as the increase in calls for service down there. Those requests apparently fell on deaf ears, though, and Belleville officials decided they had waited long enough.

It's a good time to make the transition, too. City leaders have looked for ways to cut costs in the wake of reduced state-shared rev-

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## Consider it 'motivation'

I've always had a soft spot for the underdog.

There's something about an individual or group of people overcoming impossible odds to emerge triumphant that just inspires me to the core.

Knowing that, it may come as no surprise to find that I'm rooting for the volunteers connected with the Historic Wayne Theater to save the old dame.

Talk about your long odds, too. The building was cited by the City of Wayne recently under the Dangerous Building Ordinance. At their hearing on April 16, representatives from the theater board will have to show progress on a number of code violations as they attempt to bring the vacant structure in line with modern requirements for a certificate of occupancy – something they haven't had there at the theater in more than 20 years.

It'll be a challenge, all right. All of these volunteers have real jobs and can only tinker on some of these issues in their spare time. None of them are wealthy enough to pay for the repairs on their own – or even collectively. And the cost of those repairs – what it would truly take to bring the old theater back – is probably staggering. Like the boogeyman, it's something you don't want to name three times because then you'll have to face it.

I cringed when I first learned that the theater had been cited under this successful program. I had met many of the members of the Historic Theater Board, saw what they wanted to do and my mind whirled at the potential in that huge, graceful setting of days gone by. I walk by it every week, almost, and I never see just a crumbling

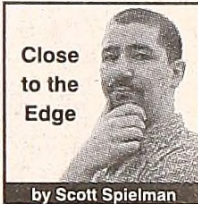
shell. I envision things like an outdoor café where the storefronts once stood. Film festivals, theatrical productions – maybe even an intimate concert – going on inside. You can't tear this place down, I joked at the time, you'd set all the ghosts free.

The city, though, has used this ordinance for a year, now, and they're ready to flex their proverbial muscles. They concentrated on easy cases at first, buildings with citations that would clearly stand up in court, if it came to that. Then they took a few tentative steps further.

The old Palace Theater, or the Historic Wayne Theater, however you want to refer to it, is their most ambitious undertaking yet. I heard the dismay in the board members' voices as they talked about how the city was coming down on them. It seemed like a foregone conclusion.

It's not, though.

First of all, everyone involved with the Dangerous Building Ordinance – the building department that cites the structures, the hearing officer that oversees the case or the appeals board that listens to further arguments – does not have building demolitions as their ultimate goal. It might be hard for impacted landlords to believe, but common sense could point them in that direction. It's an extensive and expensive proposal, and an adversarial one.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

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## Sensitivity training 101: Think first

They say no good deed goes unpunished.

That certainly rang true at the March 20 Inkster City Council meeting, when Police Chief Gregory Gaskin decided to show off the new departmental uniforms. He had impaneled a committee to determine apparel-related needs, and thought he'd let the city council in on something he felt would improve morale and make those under his charge a little more comfortable.

It seems like something that is pretty benign, something that should have gone off without too much controversy. But that's not what happened.

Councilman Mike Canty, in opposition to the military-style uniform, told a group of city employees and residents in the public study session before the official council meeting that the uniform made the officer brought along to model for the council look a member of an "Israeli SWAT team." He said it twice.

The problem with this is that the officer who modeled the uniform is of Middle Eastern descent, as are four other officers in the department or auxiliary.

Now, I don't know if the officer who modeled the

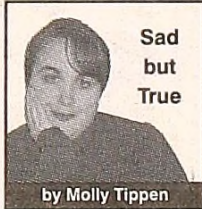
uniform is from Israel. But as he looked on for the rest of the meeting, he seemed tense to me. It's easy to see why.

I'm not sure if Canty knew if the officer was of Middle Eastern descent, either, but it doesn't really matter, here's why.

Elected officials are not supposed to throw out comments regarding race, religion or ethnicity and just assume that no one will care or notice. The fact that one did – and that none of the other council members present at the meeting showed the slightest bit of concern about Canty's comment – shows that there's little commitment among members of the elected body to cultural sensitivity.

Cultural sensitivity isn't a new concept in Inkster – nearly 100 police officers and firefighters learned about it during the past two weeks in mandatory diversity training. The city arranged for the training to help officers cope with and recognize the needs of other cultures.

When the story I wrote about the uniform debate



Sad but True

by Molly Tippen

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## Letters

### Goodbye to the chief

To the editor:

My name is Denver Jackson I'm 7 years old and I just want to say goodbye to Chief Smolen and tell him that I will miss him very very much! I also want to say "Thank You" for everything you have done for me!

Denver Jackson  
Belleville

To the editor:

Belleville's Central Business Community (CBC) would like to thank all who came out to the Bayou Grill on Friday, March 17 for our St. Patrick's Day dinner fundraiser. The food and service from the Bayou was fabulous. This is our only fundraiser for the year and it supports a variety of community events throughout the year. We extend a special thank you to all the businesses that gave prize donations and/or time to make this event success-

ful: Bayou Grill, Blossom's Florist, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Brown Family Center, Marti's Gift Gallery, Main Street Florist, Belleville Area Museum, Hungry Howies, Wal-Mart, 3-D City Tan, Bangkok City Café, O'Charleys, Big Boys, Shear Design, and Bamboo Garden.

The CBC has many responsibilities during the year which include coordinating and producing Easter's Flop E. Bunny and egg hunt, a fun time for the children on the Saturday before Easter, the "Bridge-walk" and "Taste of Belleville" towards the end of August, which gives one the opportunity to sample the wonderful food from the community, the Halloween trick or treat on Main Street, and the Santa House at Christmas time. The CBC also helps organize and promote the Strawberry Festival on Father's Day weekend, the Harvest Festival in the fall and other various func-

tions through out the community. Our goal is to promote the community so more business is had for our community businesses. We are always looking for more members and/or volunteers to help with these wonderful events. We are also interested in your ideas for this promoting of our community. Please call Kathy Steigerwald at 734-697-5090 for more information.

Belleville Central Business  
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## Training

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hit the department offices Thursday, many employees were aghast. Ofc. Harlan Robinson, the new president of the Inkster Police Officers Association, said he was embarrassed by the councilman's comment, especially in a community made up mostly of African Americans, who know something about insensitive comments. Robinson said an apology from Canty is needed.

The comment might be forgivable if it was the first one, but it's not. Last year, after former Police Chief Marvin Winkler resigned, Canty referred to a few white and one Hispanic officer who had problems with Winkler's leaderships as a bunch of "good ole boys" in a public council meeting. The officers were those that had grievances or lawsuits claiming unfair treatment under

Winkler's tenure.

In another exchange in 2004, Canty upset a member of his own race when he said residents would "tar and feather" the council if they backed a plan to convert the city form of government from a council-manager to a strong mayor. Tar and feathering, sadly, was a punishment handed down to African Americans during the time of slavery, and thereafter.

Inkster is on the cusp of rebirth in some ways. The groundbreaking of Annapolis Pointe, a major revitalization housing development, ended 35 years of disappointment and blight in that part of the city. It offered the promise that, with hard work, things can change.

All cities need as many diverse voices as possible to truly be a community.

The city required diversity training, and that's a good thing. But the city's elected officials need to meet the same standard.

## Theatre

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They use the ordinance, rather, as a tool to get work done on structures that would otherwise just go to seed. It's not an attempt to bring back Urban Renewal - a phrase that brings chills to just about everyone in Wayne - and any attempt to characterize it as such is simply misguided.

The ordinance is the proverbial wake up call. It's the line in

the sand. And, as it has been the case with other buildings, it's working here. Offers of help have flooded into the board web site for the past few weeks. Donations have trickled in, work has started and groups have even volunteered to play at the grand opening. Those in charge of the restoration effort have boldly stated there would be no more haunted theaters there.

In short, there's been more accomplished in the weeks since the building has been cited than in the years before that.

There's still a long way to go

and it'll be a series of ever increasing obstacles. I'm optimistic, though, because I can't help but root for the underdog.

I do have a piece of advice, though, for the board members when they go to the hearing. Have concrete proof of work that's been done. Set defined deadlines for other improvements.

It might not even be out of line to say thanks, either. Because none of these improvements would've ever happened if it hadn't been for the Dangerous Building Ordinance.

## Belleville

FROM PAGE 5

enue, declining development and increasing expenses. The one drawback to the plan is not having a 24-hour police presence in Belleville City Hall, but that is a common issue with any type of joint or contracted dispatch departments. They went through it in Plymouth when the city and township combined their dispatch departments years ago. They went through it

last year in Northville, when the city and township underwent a similar change. It is nothing to fear.

It's funny to hear Sumpter officials now say that this was the will of a couple of people that didn't want the agreement between Sumpter and Belleville to work out. It seems to us like it was the voters that told city officials that, when they rejected a proposed Headlee override last year. Belleville officials are only doing what's right for their constituents: providing good service while saving important funds.

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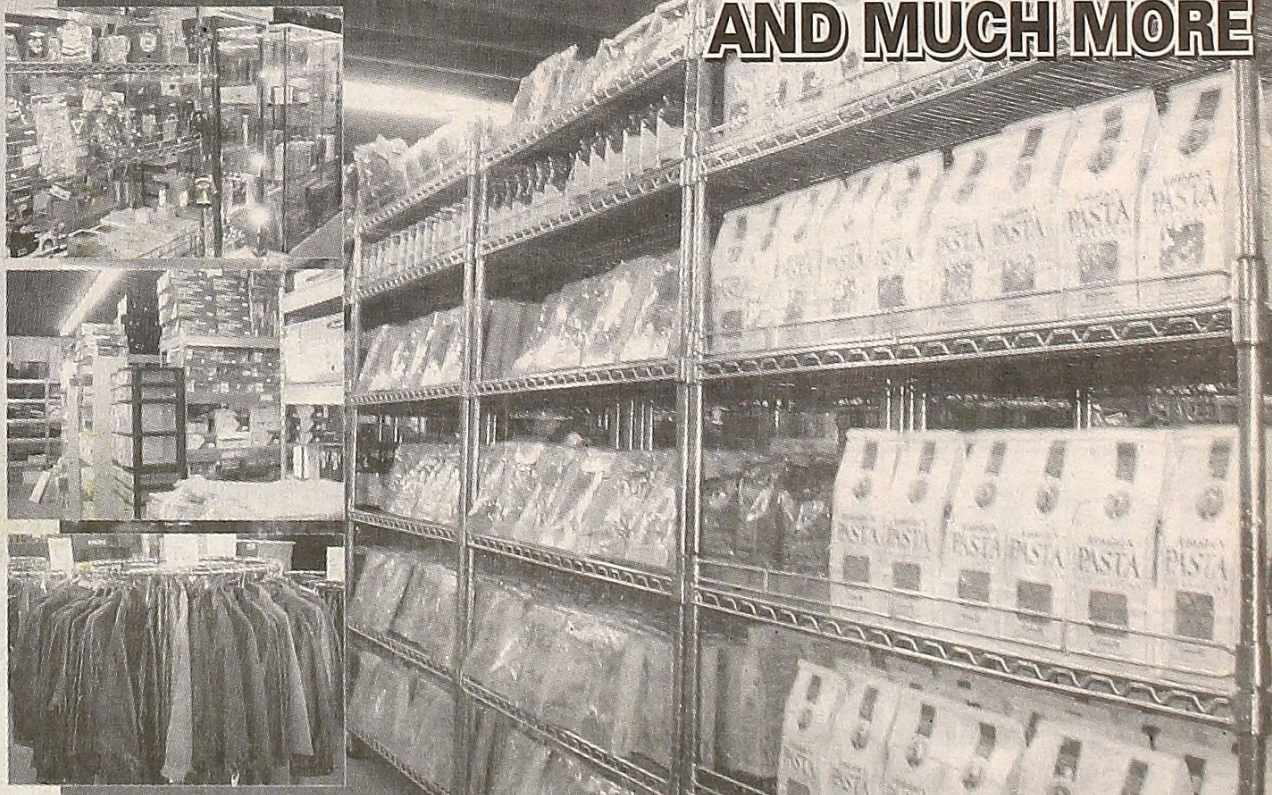
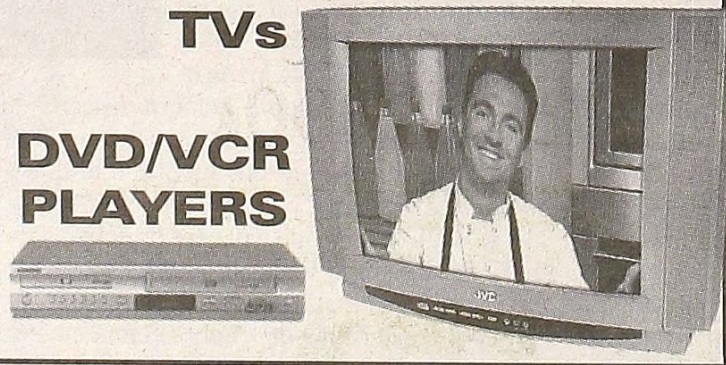
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Valenti-Chmura are betrothed

Christina Marie Valenti and Jason Alexander Chmura have announced their plans to marry.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ronald and Mary Valenti of Forest Hill, MD. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1999 and is a 1995 graduate of John Carroll School in Bel Air MD.

She is currently the marketing coordinator for Watson Wyatt Worldwide.

The future groom is the son of Stanley and Sherry Chura of Willis.

He is a 1995 graduate of Romulus High School and earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1999.

He is currently employed as the membership director for The Society for



Christina Valenti—Jason Chmura

Nonprofit Organizations.  
The couple plans to wed May 21.

# Yount-Fischer plan to wed



Jennifer Yount and Steven Fischer

Jennifer Lynn Yount will become the bride of Steven Michael Fischer next year.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronald and Karen Yount of Romulus.

She is a 1996 graduate of Romulus High School and is employed as a Human Resources/payroll administrator for a dental company.

The future groom is the son of Rick and Dawn Fischer of Milan and Sue Caldwell of Southgate.

He is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and is currently employed as an inventory and control analyst for a major watch and clock company.

The couple is planning an Aug. 4, 2007 wedding

## NEW ARRIVAL

# Lilly Anna Stephens

Glenn Stephens II and Leah Walsh of Westland became the parents of a daughter, Lilly Anna, born March 2.

The new arrival weighed 6 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents of the infant are Mary Tegge of Wayne, Phil Walsh of Atlanta, GA. and Dana Olar of Pinconning.

Her paternal grandparents are Glenn and Debi Stephens of Wayne and Carol Stephens of Baton Rouge, LA.

Great-grandparents of the infant are Mary Lowe of Wayne; Melvin and Joyce Stephens of Westland; Joe and Theresa Szumski of Westland; Dave and Donna Robinson of Omer; Bill and Phyllis Tegge of Flat Rock and James and Karen Vonador of New Roads, LA.

The baby's great-great-grandmother is Margaret Slayden of Wayne.



Lilly Anna Stephens

Her aunts and uncles include Andrea Walsh; Kami Walsh, Lauren Walsh; Vicky Stephens; Mike Szumski; Kristy Ferro and Michelle Culmone.

## Inside information

Jim Demmer, of Demmer Ford in Wayne, spoke to the Wayne Rotary Club members last week about the current condition of Ford Motor Co. and the impact on his business. Representatives from the Wayne Ford plants were also on hand to talk about the company and the planned changes at the facilities. The club meets each Tuesday at the Wayne Community Center for lunch and to hear a speaker of current interest. A group membership drive is currently under way. More information about Rotary Club membership is available from Art Quintal at (734) 722-8925.



## Library plans programs

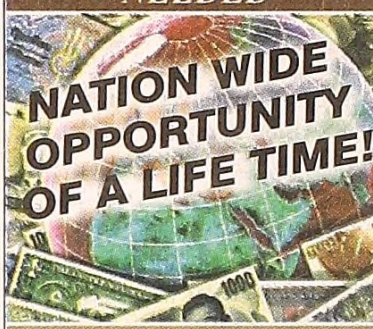
The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host a weeklong celebration next week of simple acts that change life for the better.

Known as Change Your World @ Your Library, the celebration will take place from April 2-8 in honor of National Library Week. At noon April 2, visitors to the library will be able to meet the ecologically focused characters from the Rainforest Café. At 7 p.m. April 4, the library will offer a presentation on Habitat for Humanity. Aesthetics will be the focus of a 2 p.m. presentation on April 8 that will feature tips from an interior designer.

Youngsters will have an opportunity to make a difference at 7 p.m. on April 3 during Family Story Time. The event will also include two family movie nights. On April 2, the library will show Chicken Little (rated G) while on April 8 visitors will be able to watch The Chronicles of Narnia (rated PG). Both will begin at 1 p.m.

Contact the Westland library at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

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# City beautification plan prompts parking complaints from business

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The owners of Hayward's Liquor Store continue to request changes in the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) beautification project to include more room for public parking and an open right of way near their store.

Sami Kouza, owner of Hayward's Liquor Store and Marina, addressed Belleville City Council members during their meeting last week through a letter citing changes needed to the site plan.

"The Belleville DDA needs to realize that business in Belleville is a strength, not a detriment and decisions such as closing right-of-ways for a park are not in the best interest of our business owners. There has already been a park put in on Liberty Street, which is hardly used, so why another park across the street? Aesthetics will not pay taxes as your business people do. I'm a contributing, taxpaying businessman of the City of Belleville and this blocking of right-of-way will affect my business," Kouza's letter said.

Access to the parking lot from Denton Road and the unloading of trucks for supplies to Hayward's will be hampered with this closing, Kouza said.

"Main Street is a 'business community' and as such should accommodate the needs of customers within that community," he said.

The DDA project started last summer

with plans for landscaping improvements along Main Street and Denton Road with the goal of improving the look of the entryway into downtown Belleville. When complete, the improvements could include landscaping along the parking lot area north of Hayward's, a new city welcome sign, erosion control issues and other shrubbery, trimming and planting.

A lawsuit was filed last October after the DDA-hired contractors began tearing up the property in the public right-of-way near Hayward's. Court filings claimed the land affected is a public right of way owned by the city and not the DDA. According to DDA officials, they have jurisdiction.

Kouza presented a new site plan that would include new grass, bushes, flowers, fencing around the lake and the welcome to Belleville sign, but will contain the right of way with parking spaces that will be the unloading zone for all the delivery trucks. He also got a petition of 650 signatures, along with 25 area business people, to keep the side street open and parking that now accommodates 20 spaces.

"All this is being lost with the blocking of the right of way and initiation of a park," said Kouza. "It's hard enough to get business people in and once they're in, they need to be treated right."

Kouza added the lot also provides parking for other business concerns in Belleville, as well as unloading for some businesses on Main Street near Hayward's.

Jason Mautone, owner of Benito's Pizza,

agreed with Kouza. He said once the area is made into a park, there is no way of going back.

"Belleville is a growing area and you never know what's going to happen, but I do know one thing happening: parking is limited," said Mautone. "If Hayward's loses business it affects all of us in the area."

Mike Kouza, also of Hayward's Liquor Store, said it's not only affecting business, but residents also think it's based on prejudice.

"I've had customers tell us that they feel we're being shut down because they don't want our type of people here," he said.

"We just want the city to please consider our plan," he added.

For now, work on the project will resume in mid April in hopes to be completed by June, according to DDA Director Bill Caya. He said they intend to leave three or four spaces for parking, which should be an adequate amount for customers to come and go.

## Police briefs

### Accident kills man

Van Buren Township police continue to investigate a fatal accident that killed a man last week.

According to Sgt. Greg Laurain of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, the crash happened last Thursday on Michigan Avenue and Denton Road.

The 80-year-old victim was driving a blue Ford Escort southbound on Denton Road when the suspect, struck him 'broadside,' Laurain said.

Preliminary investigations showed that alcohol was not a factor, said Laurain.

### Businesses targeted by thieves

The Belleville Police Department continues to search for the suspect who broke into two businesses last week.

According to Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor, the businesses, located on the 800 block of Sumpter Road, were entered illegally on March 21. Information should be referred to the police department at (734) 699-2710.

## CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FY 2006/2007 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 for the purpose of discussing the FY 2006/2007 Budget, including **"The Property Tax Millage Rate Proposed To Be Levied To Support The Proposed Budget Will Be a Subject of This Hearing."** Said Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN Planning Commission SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its special meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-018-99-0003-706. The subject site is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) Zoning District. The property is located within Van Buren Township, on the west side of Schooner Drive, between Michigan Avenue and the Michigan Central Railroad right of way.

The applicant, Van Buren Industrial Center, is requesting a temporary land use to construct and operate an outdoor storage yard.

This request can be considered as regulated by Section 4.44, TEMPORARY LAND USES, BUIDLINGS AND STRUCTURES, b. and c.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 05/06-34

### 2006 GMC 4Dr., 4WD Yukon or Alternate

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/items.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Romulus' Web Site, [www.romulusgov.com](http://www.romulusgov.com).
- (2) Bids must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, Tuesday, April 4, 2006. At which time said bids are to be publicly opened and read.

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- (4) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus Purchasing Coordinator, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us)

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-107-99-0002-702. The property is located on the north east corner of Hull Road, between Hull Road and Chaney Ave.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren C (Local Business) Zoning District. The applicant, Charter Township of Van Buren, is requesting a variance from the 75-foot front yard setback to construct a fire station.

The applicant is requesting the following:

**ARTICLE XVII SECTION 17.02 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, FRONT YARD SETBACK, C (Local Business)**

*75-foot front yard setback required  
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# Big wheel

## Local teen's car wins 2nd place at Autorama car show

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Josh Kull has barely learned how to drive, but he's built his own car.

The sophomore at Wayne Memorial High School said he plans to take an autobody class next year at the William D. Ford Vocational Technical Career Center, but decided to get a head start after he watched his father and uncle tinker around with miniature cars.

"One day we decided to build one and have some fun with it," Josh said. "I built it all by hand."

And from scratch, too. He said he watched them put together a scale version of a 1936 Ford, took a few measurements of his own and went to work. About six weeks later, he had a completed model with a working engine, painted in black and orange – a tribute to his father's Harley Davidson motorcycle.

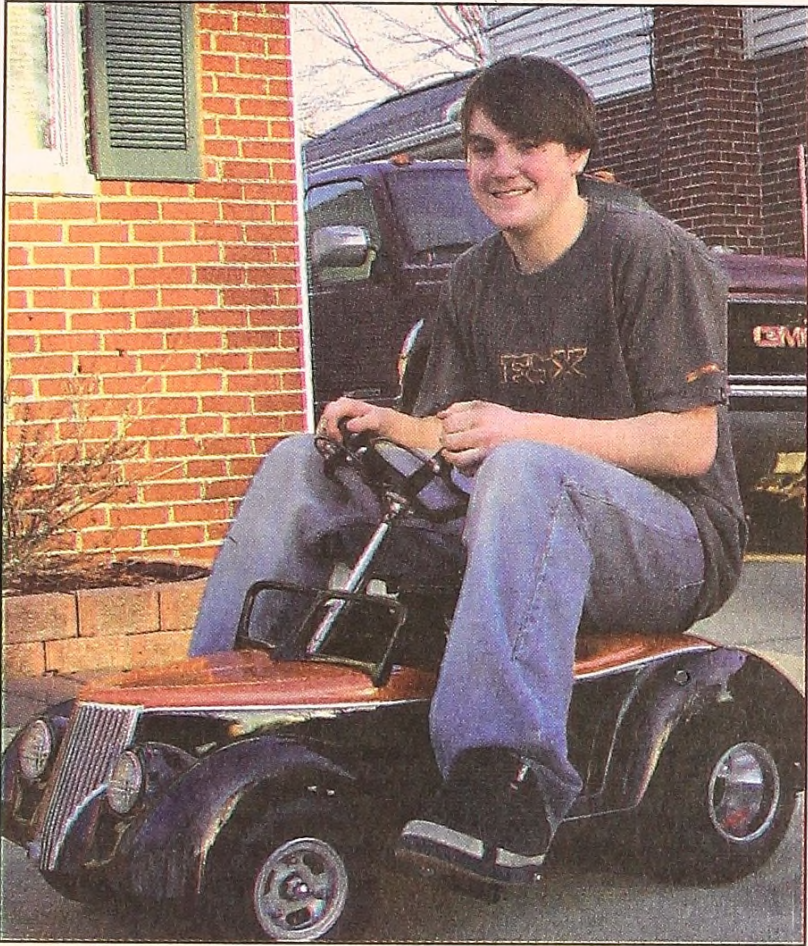
His efforts won him second place in the mini car division at the recent Autorama auto show in downtown Detroit.

"You can't imagine the line of people that looked at it," his father, Jim Kull, said. Josh may have inherited some of his skills from his dad, who works as a mechanic at the nearby K & S Auto Service.

"They say you get two rewards," Josh Kull said. "The first one is the plaque and the second one is the first time someone asks you to take a picture of it."

He got both at the Autorama, as well as a few offers to purchase the mini vehicle.

To put it together, Kull had to develop most of the car on his own. He came up with the frame and welded it together and other features like the wheelie bar to allow him to drive it on his back tires for a few moments. The fiberglass body comes complete with pinstripes and a simulated



Josh Kull, a high school sophomore, built his miniature car from the ground up and won a second-place award at the recent Autorama show in Detroit.

grill. Dual exhaust pipes peek out from the back end and the headlights will work, too, as soon as they're connected.

"The more you look at it, the cooler it is," his proud father said, adding that his son did the bulk of the work on his own. "We just pointed him the right way."

Kull hasn't taken his vehicle out for a spin yet, but said the three horse power Briggs and Stratton engine will propel the mini car at speeds of about 15-20 mph.

"That's plenty fast enough," his father said.

Josh Kull said he already has plans to put together some additional model cars, including a scale version of a 1958 Corvette that will be larger than his 1936 Ford and feature a 250 cc engine. His father said he approved of

the hobby, which keeps Josh out of mischief and provides plenty of bonding time.

"There's a lot more to life than just goofing off," he said.

Kull said he plans to drive his car in the upcoming Wheelfest parade as well as at the Woodward Dream Cruise later this summer. As for other, recreational tours around the neighborhood, he said a simple strategy will probably work best.

"You just hit the gas and hold on," he said.

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## FOOD

# Feeling the pressure

## Plymouth author's third cookbook dispels myths about pressure cooking

When Plymouth resident Toula Patsalis was working on her first cookbook, she served her husband, Chris, two dinner entrees every night.

And he gained 20 pounds.

With her latest book, *The Pressure Cooker Cookbook*, she didn't subject her poor mate to that much taste-testing, but he is the first to tell anyone listening what a great book it is and what a great cook he married.

Patsalis is a cooking instructor and the former program director of four successful cooking schools affiliated with quality cook shops in the state. She has studied cooking both in the United States and abroad and has long been considered a culinary authority, especially by her husband. This is her third published cookbook.

According to Patsalis, the ease and rapid method of pressure-cooking has been the most significant style of food preparation throughout much of the world. In

Europe, every kitchen has a pressure cooker, because it saves energy, saves time, retains nutrients in the food and creates pronounced flavors in ingredients.

"Pressure cooking offers a brilliant process of preparing grains, legumes, and tenderizes tough, inexpensive cuts of meat in minutes," Patsalis said.

During World War II, Americans discovered pressure cookers and included them in their kitchens.

Patsalis' cookbook dispels the fears and horror stories handed down by mothers and grandmothers about exploding pressure cookers and other myths.

"The technology behind these wonderful new units is completely different from the 1940s," Patsalis said. "I am a pressure cooker convert. The new pressure cookers are constructed of heavy-duty metals, offering even heat conduction. The lids, nowadays, have built in valves to mea-

sure the pressure, that are spring driven, rather than the old fashioned weight-driven valves on older models.

And, Patsalis noted, the new valves have back up systems to assure accident free pressure cooking, so there is no danger of pasta sauce blowing up onto the ceiling and walls.

"Pressure cooking is uniquely different," Patsalis said. "I think they are a fine tool that should be in every kitchen."

Patsalis admits to becoming somewhat of a "pressure-cooker addict" while developing and trying recipes for her book. While she hasn't come to the point of giving up her skillets, saucepans or microwave just yet, she thinks every kitchen needs a pressure cooker.

"Look for a stainless steel or enamel-coated carbon steel because there is no interaction

between these metals and the food," Patsoulis suggested. It should also be heavy gauge metal with an easy-to-clean surface and interior. And preferably, the handles should be constructed of heat-proof material.

Her book details everything anybody needs to know about pressure cookers, and lots of tips for the best results including step-by-step conversion instructions.

A few of her recipes include:

### Canadian Cheese Soup

3 slices bacon, finely chopped  
1 small white sweet onion, coarsely diced  
2 carrots, coarsely grated  
½ cup finely chopped celery  
¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley  
3 cups chicken broth  
½ cup half and half  
3 cups (12 ounces) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese  
1 teaspoon dried tarragon  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon sweet sherry  
6 slices French bread, toasted  
Parsley sprigs

Cook bacon in a pressure cooker until almost crisp. Add onions, carrots, celery and parsley and sauté 3 minutes. Add chicken broth and stir well. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to medium. Reduce heat to medium to maintain pressure and cook 5 minutes.

Release pressure according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Stir in half-and-half, cheese, tarragon, salt, pepper,

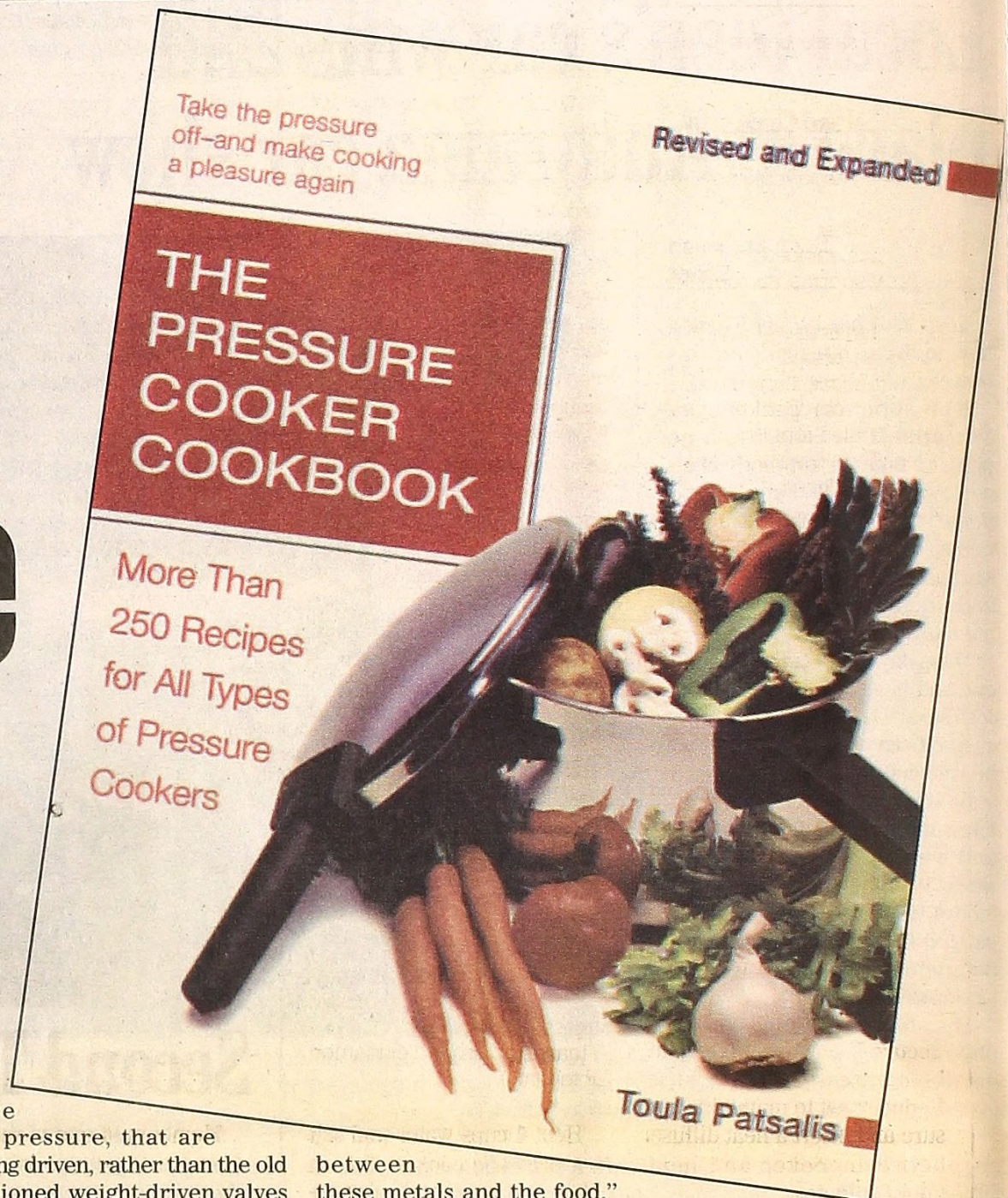
and sherry. Cook over medium-high heat 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir well. Cover 2 minutes. Stir once again. Lay one slice of toasted bread into each soup bowl. Ladle soup over top. Garnish with parsley spring.

### Round Steak with Onion Sauce

3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 (11/2-pounds) beef round steak, cut into 6 portions  
4 large onions, thickly sliced  
4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced  
1/3 cup parsley, finely chopped  
1 cup beef broth  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
½ teaspoon dried rosemary  
Dash crushed red pepper flakes  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ cup milk  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour or potato starch

Heat oil in a pressure cooker over medium-high heat. Add beef, in batches, and brown on all sides. With tongs, transfer beef as it cooks to a platter. Add onions, garlic and parsley and sauté 2 minutes, scraping bottom of pan to loosen any browned bits. Add beef broth, herbs, pepper flakes and salt. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to high. Reduce heat to medium to maintain pressure and cook 14 minutes.

Release pressure according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Mix milk and flour into a smooth paste, and stir into the stew. Cook, stirring over medium-high heat, a few minutes



Toula Patsalis, an 8-year Plymouth resident, has a new cookbook available at Border's and Barnes and Noble.

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# Cookbook

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1/3 cup milk  
2 tablespoons potato starch  
or all-purpose flour  
Dash of paprika

or until sauce begins to thicken.

## Tortellini and Chicken in Parmesan Cream Sauce

3 slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
1/4 cup butter  
4 shallots, minced  
3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
4 chicken breasts halved, skin removed, boned  
1 small carrot, thinly sliced  
1 (8-ounce) packed dried, cheese-filled tortellini  
1 teaspoon dried tarragon  
2 cups chicken broth  
1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces  
1/2 cup half-and-half or milk  
3 tablespoons butter, at room temperature  
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
2 teaspoons potato starch or flour  
Parsley sprigs and parmesan cheese for garnish.

Cook bacon in a pressure cooker over medium heat until crisp. Add butter, shallots and parsley. Stir well and sauté 2 minutes. Stir in chicken, carrot, tortellini and tarragon.

Add broth and mix well. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to high. Reduce heat to maintain pressure and insert a heat diffuser between cooker and heat. Cook 6 minutes.

Release pressure according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Combine half-and-half, butter, 1/3 cup cheese and potato starch in a small bowl. Blend thoroughly. Gradually add to chicken and tortellini mixture, gently stirring over medium heat until sauce begins to thicken and becomes creamy. Transfer chicken and tortellini with sauce to serving platter and sprinkle with additional cheese and parsley.

## Scalloped Potatoes

1 cup chicken broth or stock  
6 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch thick slices  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives  
1/3 cup sour cream

Pour broth into a pressure cooker. Add potatoes, salt, pepper and chives. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to high. Reduce heat to maintain pressure and cook 5 minutes.

Release pressure according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Using a slotted spoon, transfer potatoes to a flameproof platter. Preheat broiler. Pour sour cream milk and potato starch into cooking liquid in cooker. Cook, whisking to blend, over high heat 1 minute. Pour over potatoes and use 2 forks to gently mix. Sprinkle with paprika and brown under broiler.

Variation: To make au gratin potatoes, add 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese.

## Greek Rice Pudding with Cinnamon Sugar Topping

1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup long-grain white rice  
Peel of 1 orange (orange part only, cut into strips)  
1/2 cup half-and-half  
3 large egg yolks  
1 cup granulated sugar  
Dash freshly grated nutmeg  
2 tablespoons light brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon (or to taste)

Heat 4 cups water and salt in a pressure cooker. Stir in rice and orange peel. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to high. Reduce heat to medium to maintain pressure and insert a heat diffuser between cooker and heat. Cook 18 minutes.

Release pressure according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Discard orange peel. Stir well.

Whisk together half-and-half, egg yolks, 3/4 cup of the granulated sugar and nutmeg. Ladle 1 cup of hot rice into the egg mixture. Stir well and transfer mixture into the pressure cooker. Over medium heat, cook 2 minutes, stirring. Transfer rice pudding into 6 (6-ounce) ramekins. Cover. Cool to room temperature. Mix together brown sugar, remaining 1/4 cup granulated sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over top of each rice pudding. Refrigerate until chilled.

# Grill up some sunshine

When the snow showed up as we celebrated the first weekend of spring, I decided to take an at home vacation to warmer places.

The first thought I had was to fire up the grill. Nothing says warm weather to me like the smell of fresh grilling food, no matter the weather. I've been known to grill in rain, sleet and snow. A warm jacket and a sturdy, umbrella are all that you need for winter grilling. My grill stays out year round for just such occasions.

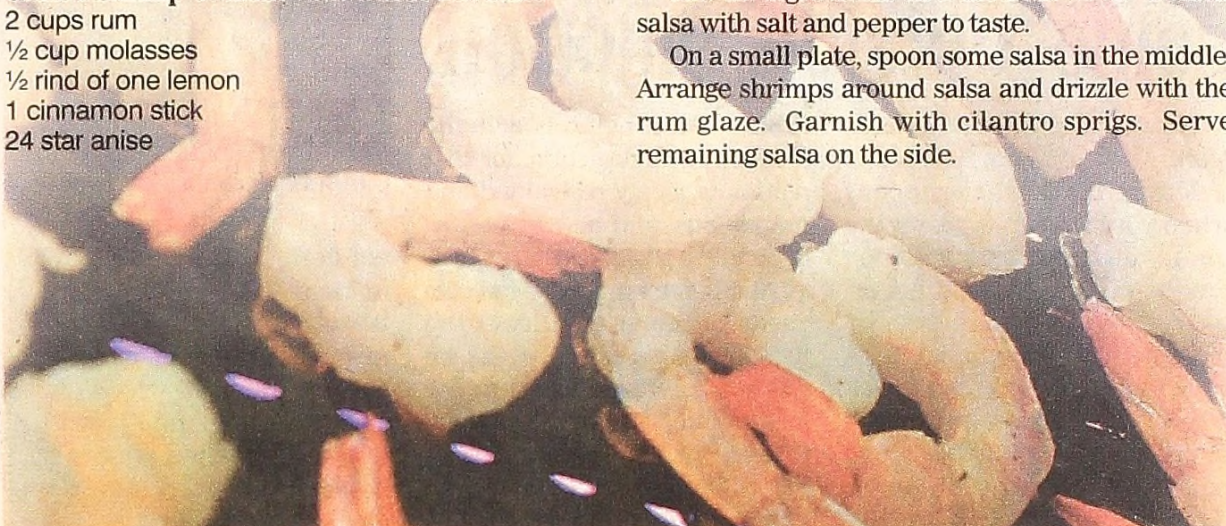
In this case, my monthly men's chef club helped me out with a decidedly sunny appetizer to take the chill off of winter. I am sure that this crowd pleaser will be used again and again, warm weather or cold. It is so tasty that I must pass it on.

I encourage you to put on your favorite Hawaiian shirt, some Jimmy Buffet music, your warmest winter parka and hit the deck.

Enjoy.

## Grilled Shrimp Cocktail with Caribbean Salsa

2 cups rum  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/2 rind of one lemon  
1 cinnamon stick  
24 star anise



4 peppercorns  
12 jumbo shrimps  
Extra virgin olive oil  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
Salt and pepper

In a saucepan, combine first six ingredients and bring to a low simmer. Reduce until it becomes a glaze and set aside for later use. Brush the shrimps with olive oil on both sides, then rub and season with garlic, salt and pepper. Then grill until cooked.

Chill shrimps while you prepare the salsa.

## For the salsa:

1 1/2 cup diced peeled pineapple  
1 cup diced peeled jicama  
1/2 cup diced red onion  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
1/4 cup fresh lime juice  
1 to 2 Serrano chilies, seeded, chopped

Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl. Season salsa with salt and pepper to taste.

On a small plate, spoon some salsa in the middle. Arrange shrimps around salsa and drizzle with the rum glaze. Garnish with cilantro sprigs. Serve remaining salsa on the side.



Now serving

by Frank Agostini

# Second Time Around Sale scheduled

Members of one of the oldest community groups in western Wayne County will soon be sponsoring their annual fundraiser.

The Ladies' Literary Club, which dates back to 1896, will host their Second Time Around Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 8 at the First Congregational Church in Wayne. The church is located just west of Wayne Road, between the eastbound and westbound lanes of Michigan Avenue.

The fundraiser will help students in the Wayne-Westland school district, according to group member Darlene Hawley.

"We try to give out \$1,000 scholarships to a young woman at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High School," she said. "It all depends on the fundraiser."

During the five-hour event, the church will be filled with 'gently used' household items that have been donated to the cause. Almost anything can be dropped off, as long as it's in good working order - past items have included everything from toys and toasters to computers - but the group has requested no clothing be a part of it. This year, enough furniture and antiques have been promised to the group to open up another wing for the sale.

Baked goods will also be a part of the event and all proceeds will go to the scholarship fund, Hawley said. Anyone who wants to donate items to the event can get further details by calling the church at (734) 729-7550 or Hawley at (734) 641-9267.

"We do get some nice things and we always have a good turnout," she said.

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# THE SCENE

## Inside Man

Reviewed By  
Kevin Hill  
Staff Writer

### Film could have used some 'outside' emotion

Nobody ever loses it in *Inside Man*.

Maybe that's what happens when your bad guys spend the entire duration of their screen time behind masks and sunglasses.

Or perhaps, more broadly, it's because Spike Lee has instructed everyone to act as cool as possible. The ambitious hostage negotiator, Det. Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington) runs on instinct, so we never see him in a moment's doubt. The genius bank robber, Dalton Russell (Clive Owen) is on a personal crusade, and so has no weaknesses. The mysterious bank tycoon, Arthur Case (Christopher Plummer) harbors a deep secret, but he finds it easier to rationalize than confront his pain.

This isn't to say these characters aren't complex, or that their performances aren't memo-

rable—Washington is actually terrific; Lee's direction, for that matter, is nicely restrained and meticulous, and he knows how to handle his actors.

And his story: *Inside Man* succeeds in the originality of the heist (or apparent heist—as we learn from Frazier in the trailer for the film, "This ain't no bank robbery!") and it is always a blast in this type of movie to see the plan executed so perfectly. As Frazier repeats often, the robbers definitely know what they're doing.

That said, it's strange that such a tense, psychological movie—and the handling of the 50 hostages makes it very tense—doesn't have one instance of genuine anger or frustration.

In fact, the lack of emotion makes the few moments of violence in the movie quite unsettling. One random bank employ-



Clever bank robber Dalton Russell stands amidst the cash in the bank he is robbing.

ee, defined for us only by his unlikely cell phone ringtone, is brutalized as an example to others. This is to demonstrate the cold nature of the villains, but it rings hollow in the second half of the film, when we are supposed to think Russell is a non-violent man.

As for Frazier, when the hostage situation seems to escalate into a crisis, he doesn't panic or break down or explode. His reaction is closer to a hurt puppy dog.

We expect Washington to be restrained, but we don't expect him to be so thoroughly ineffectual. The action and the mind games are terrific, but the emotional punch is missing.

In the meantime, thankfully, Lee reminds us that this film

takes place in Manhattan. It's his auxiliary cast who are dispatched to deal with the actual political, urban and racial issues that define much of his work: a beat cop almost uses the N-word when telling a story; a Sikh man protests when a policeman sees his turban calls him an Arab.

Lee composes some beautiful shots, which are especially impressive considering the tight quarters. In the cloistered perimeter outside the bank, cops and SWAT officers are posed as if for sculpture. In another scene, Russell chats with a fearless, 8-year-old hostage inside the bank vault, the two are sitting on bundled blocks of cash. That scene offers fresh commentary on what we're teaching (or not teaching) our kids: the child

plays a handheld video game where the object is to sell drugs and kill enemy dealers. He actually admires the robbers. "Like Fifty says: Get rich or die tryin'," the boy advises Owen. "You gotta get your money."

But Russell, we find, isn't after the cash. He actually tries to make himself out as the righteous one. The real crime, and reason for the Russell's actions, lies with billionaire Case—and we find out why Russell would never want to touch that money.

In the end, there are several bad guys and no real heroes in *Inside Man*. That's fine—we like rooting for the villain once in a while—but it's hard to cheer any of them on when moral outrage is hidden behind cool smirks and masks.



Sarah Jessica Parker as Paula and Matthew McConaughey as Tripp

## Failure to launch

### Succeeds as entertainment

Reviewed By  
Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

*Failure to Launch* may not be destined for film immortality, but as an entertaining way to spend a few hours, it is well on the way to success.

Tripp (Matthew McConaughey) is 35 years old, smart, sexy, funny, gainfully employed—and still firmly ensconced in his childhood bedroom. He has no desire to move into a place of his own, either. For him, it's worth it if his romantic conquests vanish as soon as they learn of his living arrangement as long as he gets to live rent free in a home where someone else does all of the cooking, cleaning, and maintenance.

His parents, however, want him to leave the nest once and for all. To make it happen, Al

(Terry Bradshaw) and Sue (Kathy Bates) hire professional motivator Paula (Sarah Jessica Parker) to work her magic and convince their son that he's ready to step into the real world. Paula claims that by simulating a relationship with a man, she can give him the confidence he needs to make major changes in his life—including finding a home of his own. To make it work, though, Tripp can know nothing about their agreement.

The story is fairly predictable as it winds its way through one obvious problem to the next, but the little details manage to save it from obscurity. From absurdly funny signs that Tripp's behav-

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# THE SCENE

## Failure

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ior is at odds with the universe—such as a run-in with an attack chipmunk—to his motley yet endearing collection of friends who are also proud to proclaim that they live at home with their parents, it's hard not to laugh as the supporting cast upstage the befuddled Tripp and Paula.

The film is worth the ticket price. Just don't expect depth. The entire film, and particularly Tripp and Paula, is unabashedly shallow. The characters all have problems and issues that drove them to this point, and they aren't interested in discussing them. Viewers will actually learn more about the relationships between Tripp's friends and Paula's friends than they do about the couple themselves. His parents' relationship comes the closest to real depth, but it is treated almost as a joke and often teeters dangerously close to Too Much Information.

Parker does reasonably well, although at times it feels like she is in the middle of some peculiar power struggle between her *Sex and the City* alter ego and a more naive, Meg Ryan-style classic romantic comedy leading lady. Even McConaughey, who generally looks better than he acts, does a good job of looking charming, confused, pensive, in love, unhappy, and angry. Obviously romantic comedies



Tripp (Matthew McConaughey, center), Ace (Justin Bartha, left) and Demo (Bradley Cooper, right) are thirtysomething bachelors who've never been able to leave the nest. But Tripp's desperate parents have had enough. They fix him up with Paula, the gorgeous and talented girl of his dreams, in a scheme to get him to move out of the house.

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are a good fit for these talents.

The real power players, though, don't get top billing. Supporting roles filled by Bates, Bradshaw, Zooey Deschanel, Justin Bartha, and Bradley Cooper truly carry the film.

Without them, the film would quickly morph from fun-but-forgettable into just plain forgettable.

The film is rated PG-13 for sexual content, partial nudity, and language.

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# SPORTS

## Northville soccer shuts out Lions, falls to Blue Devils

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

So it begins.

The Northville Lady Mustang soccer team's quest for a state championship started with the defeat of the South Lyon Lions in a non-conference match on Friday.

They not only beat the Lions, they shut them out, 4-0, in the opening game of the season.

South Lyon had to suffer the firepower of junior Danielle Toney, who recorded her first hat trick of the year with three goals. Senior Lauren Hill, Northville's all-time leading scorer (29 last year), scored the other. The Mustang arsenal also included some tough freshmen newcomers that assisted on two of the four goals.

Toney got the ball rolling in the first half. After she accepted a beautiful pass from senior Lindsey Blair, she split two defenders and put the ball in the back of the net at the 23:50 mark for a 1-0 Northville lead.

Late in the half, sophomore Theresa Yankovich moved the ball up to Hill, who was off to the races. Hill scored with about 7:10 remaining to give Northville a 2-0 lead. South Lyon didn't have a shot on net in the first 40 minutes, according to Northville Coach Ron Meteyer.

In the second half, South Lyon came out on the offensive and attacked Northville with all they had, but the Northville defense was not threatened.

Only 1:40 into the new half Toney scored her second of the night. Freshman Camille Junca threaded the ball up the right side to Toney, who blasted it in from about 30 yards out. That tally put Northville up, 3-0.

Almost 10 minutes later Toney completed her hat trick for the 4-0 victory. This time freshman Karen Mayhill got the ball up to Toney in the left corner. Toney dribbled around the goalie, who came out of the net, and scored.

Katie Weicksel earned the shutout between the posts for Northville.

A big concern going into the game was the return of senior Venessa Bailey, who was injured in the team's first game against South Lyon last season. She missed a majority of the season with a knee injury.

That didn't seem to phase her Friday night as she recorded five shots on net, according to Meteyer.

"We got everybody in for significant minutes," Meteyer said. "The young players didn't disappoint and nobody got hurt—it was a good start to the season."

Northville 0, Grosse Pointe South 2

The Lady 'Stangs got a dose of reality when they traveled to the east side to take on a tough Grosse Pointe South squad on Monday night.

South shut out the multi-talented Mustangs, 2-0.

Northville beat the Blue Devils in every stat of the game but couldn't get the ball in the net. They did, however, hit the crossbar three times—out of eight shots on net—throughout the contest, Meteyer said.

South, however, only had five shots on net. They scored a goal in each half to gain the victory. The first mark came off of a corner kick at about the 24-minute mark. The second was a high kick from about 30 yards out that went over the hands of goalie Liz Watza.

"It's discouraging but we have to move on from this," Meteyer said. "This made us realize that we still have a lot to work on."

Northville was without all-time leading scorer Lauren Hill, who was competing in an Olympic Development Program tournament in Puerto Rico.

Northville's first home game was last night against Saline but the results were unavailable at press time. The Lady Mustangs will host Churchill at 7 p.m. on Monday and head to John Glenn at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

### Kickin' it up

In between snow-falls on Friday night the John Glenn Lady Rockets soccer team battled it out with the Dearborn Pioneers. The Rockets put up a good fight but couldn't pull out the victory. They settled for a 3-3 tie. The young team showed a lot of promise in the cold, inclement weather. Glenn hosts Thurston at 4:30 pm on Monday and Northville at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.



## Track stars accelerate at indoor championship

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Accelerators' indoor season recently wrapped up with the Michigan Indoor Track Series (MITS) state championship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The club team, servicing western Wayne County, once again proved they had some of the top athletes in the state competing for them.

The girls had plenty of firepower going into the event.

Romulus senior Landria Buckley took the top spot in the 60-meter hurdles. She seemed to get faster at every round, starting with a preliminary qualifying time of 9.04 seconds. In the semi finals she led the pack with a 8.82 second time and finished first in the finals at 8.72.

Buckley was also part of the four-girl 4x200 relay team that placed fourth in the state (1:46.12) along with Brittany Howard, Elise Glass and Emily Kreichelt.

Buckley recently signed with Howard University on a full scholarship.

"Landria is probably the best athlete in the Midwest," said Accelerator Coach James Hall. "She's a four-year Accelerator, and outstanding academic student and a High School All-American athlete—one of the best we've ever had and that says a lot."

Buckley's 4x200 relay teammate Howard, another Romulus senior, placed third overall in the 60-meter dash. She, like Buckley in the hurdles, seemed to get faster with each round. After the preliminary run she was in fourth (7.89) but moved up a spot (7.85) after the semifinal run. She finished in third place (7.84).

Howard won the long jump competition outright with a tremendous 17' 10" leap.

She has a variety of schools recruiting her, including Michigan State and the University of Kentucky.

"She may be the best long jumper in the state – and maybe the Midwest," Hall said.

Glass, a sophomore from Edsel Ford, and Kreichelt, a junior from Northville, both did well in the 200-meter dash. Glass finished second overall (26.00) and Kreichelt, 11th in the state (26.82). Glass also finished ninth in the long jump (15' 09.75").

Northville senior Bryn Smetana had a good day. She placed ninth (1:00.38) in the 400-meter run. She was also a part of the fourth-place (4:02.48) 4x400 meter relay team with Brittany Lockhart, Tamila Myles and Carlisa Haygood.

Smetana is being heavily recruited by Michigan State, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Grand Valley and Saginaw Valley. She is also the captain of the Northville girls' track team.

Haygood, a junior at Ypsilanti Lincoln, also finished 11th (1:02.06) in the state in the 400-meter run.

Myles, a Romulus junior, placed fifth (2:21.10) in the 800-meter run. Lockhart, a junior at Salem High School, placed 12th in the state in the high jump with a height of 5' 0".

"Lockhart is probably the best pure athletes in the state of Michigan and will probably be a heptathlete in college," Hall said.

She is also being recruited by Michigan State and University of Kentucky.

Northville junior high jumper,

## Whalers douse Spitfires, lead series 2-0

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Rivalry games go a long way in any sport, conjuring excitement throughout the season. Add a seven-game playoff series to the atmosphere and there's a colossal thrill that takes over the stadium.

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and Windsor Spitfires are two rivalry teams pitted against each other in the first round of the OHL playoffs and fans are getting what they paid for—nail-biting action.

West division champs Plymouth has trailed the Spitfires by as many as two goals in the first two contests of the series but have rallied back in both to win, taking a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven cycle.

On Sunday night in Windsor, the Whalers overcame an early

2-0 deficit with four unanswered goals to win the game, 4-2.

Plymouth goalie Justin Peters let in two early goals by Patrick

23 of the game to help solidify the victory.

The rest of the game belonged to the Whalers. Plymouth went on a four-goal rampage with four different goal scorers.

Tom Sestito scored to get the Whalers going Evan Brophey took the initial shot that Sestito deflected in, earning the assist on the play. The goal came 17 seconds after Bickell's score.

Then defender Ryan McGinnis knotted things up, 2-2, with a power-play mark at 16:23 of the first. Andrew Fournier and Wes Cunningham notched the assists on the play. Windsor's Ryan Garlock was in the penalty box for slashing to give Plymouth the man-advantage. The teams went to their locker rooms with the game tied, 2-2.

Davis (power-play 3:29) and Bryan Bickell (12:58), but stopped the Spitfires' other five shots on net and the remaining

### Playoff Schedule

Game 1—Sat., March 25

Windsor 4 at Plymouth 7

Game 2—Sun., March 26

Plymouth 4 at Windsor 2

Game 3—Tues., March 28

Windsor at Plymouth

(check www.journalgroup.com for update).

Game 4—Thurs., March 30

Plymouth at Windsor, 7:30 pm.

Game 5 (if necessary)—Sat., April 1

Windsor at Plymouth, 7:30 pm.

Game 6 (if necessary)

Sun., April 2

Plymouth at Windsor, 7:00 pm.

Game 7 (if necessary)

Tues., April 4

Windsor at Plymouth, 7:30 pm.

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# SPORTS

## Track

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Brianna Jenkins, landed tied in seventh place (5' 2").

Aurielle McCauley, a Romulus junior, finished third in the long jump with a distance of 17-00.75 and seventh (9.37) in 60-meter hurdles. Romulus sophomore Courtney Squirewells placed fifth in the 60-meter dash.

The guys also made their mark in the competition, too.

Canton senior Cyrus Azizi had a busy day. He was fourth (50.98) in the 400-meter run and was on the fourth-place (3:31.52) 4x400 meter relay team with Jordan Miles, Phatiel Whitlock and Shane Wells and the third-place (8:22.16) 4x800 meter relay team with Anthony Scaparo, Whitlock and Kieven Lewis.

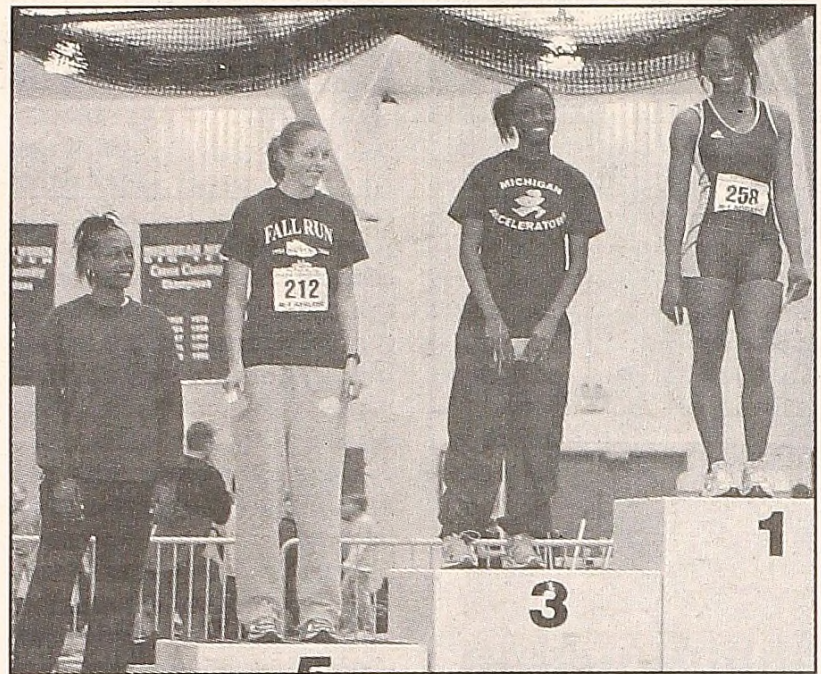
University of Detroit Mercy, Eastern Michigan and Kent State, to name a few, are in the process of recruiting Azizi.

"He's a tremendous kid," Hall said. "He maybe the most coachable kid we've ever had and a tough-as-nails competitor."

Wells, a junior at Romulus, had a fourth-place finish (23.24) in the 200-meter dash.

Lewis, a junior at Wayne Memorial, was 11th (2:13.44) in the 800-meter run behind 10th place (2:07.63) Whitlock—a Canton senior.

"Whitlock hasn't scratched the surface of his talent yet," Hall said.



Accelerator Brittany Howard (center), of Romulus, won the top prize in the long jump at the recent Michigan Indoor Track Series with a leap of nearly 18 feet. Team and schoolmate Aurielle McCauley (immediate left) placed third.

He is being recruited by Ferris State, Grand Valley and Saginaw Valley.

Plymouth junior, Scaparo, ended the 1,600-meter run in 20th place (4:50.71) in the state.

Nate Gholston, also a junior from Plymouth, had tough day. He just missed the cut after the preliminary run to move on in the 60-meter hurdles.

The Accelerators have proved over the last three-plus years since its inception that it is the track and field club of Western Wayne County.

The team has as many as 85 kids on the roster during the summer and 65 during the indoor season. The club now has

more than 35 kids now competing in Division I schools across the country and more than 20 kids a year competing for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state finals, according to Hall.

Hall said none of the accomplishments would be possible without Head Coach Fran McCauley.

"We can do nothing without his guidance," Hall said of his mentor from Dearborn Heights Robichaud. "He is the pulse of our organization."

More information about the Michigan Accelerators can be found at: [www.michiganaccelerators.org](http://www.michiganaccelerators.org).

## Whalers

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The goalies on both sides of the ice were solid in the second until just 41 seconds left to play in the frame. At that point, Fournier knocked his first of the series past Windsor net-minder Anthony Guadagnolo to give the Whalers a 3-2 lead. The score came on Plymouth's second power-play attempt of the period, earning McGinnis and John Armstrong assists.

Plymouth carried a one-goal lead into the final 20 minutes.

About midway through the final session, Brophey scored his third of the series. Neal and captain John Vigilante were credited the assists.

### Windsor 4, Plymouth 7

It was the same story in game one on Saturday night at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena.

Windsor jumped to a two-goal lead at about the mid-point of the second period. However, this time, the Whalers stormed back with seven goals—five in the third—from six different players to win the game, 7-4.

Brophey (two goals and an assist), Joe McCann (a goal and two assists) and Armstrong (a goal and two assists) led the attack with three points apiece. Vigilante, Neal and Chris Terry added single goals for the Whalers. Peters stopped 35 of 39 Windsor shots for the victory.

Bickell scored Windsor's goal

at 8:47 of the first and Mike Bushby followed with a tally at 2:22 of the second. Plymouth answered with two scores in less than two minutes.

Brophey scored the first (10:31) and Vigilante the second (12:21) to knot the game at 2-2.

At the 15:12 mark of the period, Bickell put the Spitfires up, 3-2, and that's how the second period would end.

Plymouth scored four unanswered goals to start the third, though.

McCann, from McGinnis and Brophey, started the spree just 55 seconds into the session. Brophey scored again at 7:30 with help coming from McCann and Vigilante. Then Neal scored what would be the game-winner 22 seconds later assisted by Steve Ward and Sestito, putting the Whalers up, 5-3. Terry's goal followed at 12:37. Jared Boll notched the assist.

O'Reilly scored one more for Windsor at 15:26 to make it a 6-4 contest but that would be it. Armstrong, from Boll and Zack Shepley, finished the scoring at 17:24.

Plymouth leads the series 2-0 but it is a rivalry match-up and anything can happen. The two teams split, 4-4, during the regular season.

The Whalers hosted the Spitfires in game three on Tuesday night but the results were unavailable at press time. Check [www.journalgroup.com](http://www.journalgroup.com) for the update. They play again at Windsor at 7:30 pm tonight in game four.

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SPORTS



Romulus Community High Lions show off their MAAA Class A state championship trophy. First row (from left)—Robbie Glenn, Davun Baskerville, Noal White, Maurice White, George Gillepsie, Ray Everett and coach Charles TenBroeck; second row—Emmet Jackson, Anthony Nash, Zach Rice and Anthony Mays.

Community High wins state championship

The Romulus Community High Lions basketball team recently capped off their 12-2 season by winning the 2006 Michigan Alternative Athletic Association (MAAA) Class A championship.

The Lions defeated Detroit Trombly, 75-72, in overtime to win their second championship.

Charles TenBroeck, were trailing 71-68 with only seven seconds left to play in regulation when Maurice White drained

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Eagles ready for season

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Romulus' new head varsity baseball coach, Tim Jager, hopes that his newly acquired Eagles can make a run at the league title again—making it their fourth league championship in as many years.

However, he may have two big challenges in making that happen.

First, he has a young team with only four seniors and, second, Romulus just moved up to a tougher Mega Blue league.

Neither obstacle appears to phase the Eastern Michigan University grad, though. In fact he thinks of both as blessings in disguise.

"I think it's better for a new coach to come in and work with a new team," he said. "I'm excit-

ed about it. With a lot of young guys on the team, we have a lot of time to build the program with new expectations.

"Being in the Blue allows us more games and a higher level of competition," he added about the new league. "We hope to make it four championships in a row."

After he graduated from EMU with a degree in physical education in 2003, he was hired into the Romulus school district and coached the junior varsity baseball team last year.

He said he would have to rely on his four returning seniors for leadership and as leading sluggers.

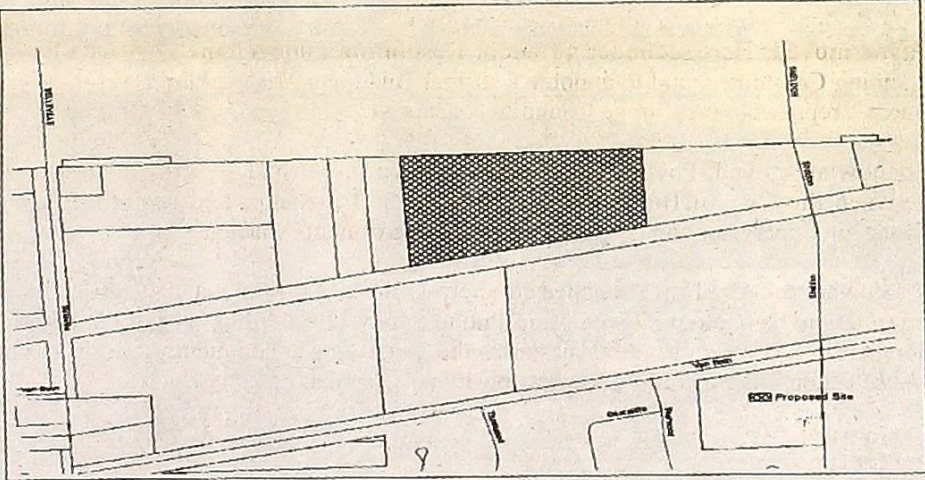
Brian Demoisey and Robert Staffery will take to the outfield. Lester Hardy could spend time

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
ORDINANCE 03-21-06 (2)  
PROPOSED REZONING MAP

First Reading of Ordinance 03-21-06(2), Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustee on Tuesday, 04-04-06 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.



THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

- Section 1.** The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit: Ordinance Number 03-21-06(2). A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel numbers: V-125-83-010-99-0001-000 to be re-zoned M-2 (General Industrial) from M-1 (Light Industrial). Legal Description of Property: This property is located on the south side of Yost Road, between Belleville Road and Sheldon Road.
- Section 2.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.
- Section 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Jahr and Rochowiak.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 03-21-06 (2) was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

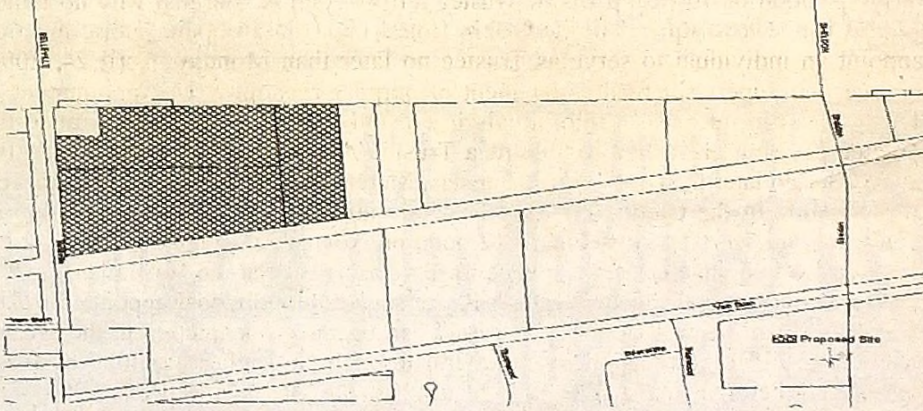
Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

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Effective:  
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
ORDINANCE 03-21-06 (1)  
PROPOSED REZONING MAP

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Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

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# Hoops

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a triple from the left corner to tie the game at 71. Then in the overtime session, Anthony Nash made his first free throw with 2.3 seconds remaining and nabbed the rebound off of the second and scored again to clinch the championship for the Lions.

Nash led the Lions with 22points. Ray Everett added 17 and 6-foot-7 center Zach Rice grabbed 14 rebounds.

Anthony Howell led Trombly

with 22 and helped bring his team back from a 14-point deficit with four consecutive triples.

The Lions almost made the fist part of the tournament look easy. They moved past Mt. Pleasant Oasis, 73-25 before defeating Flint Choice, 57-35 to reach the final against Trombly. Trombly had scored an earlier hard-fought 52-45 victory against Highland Park in its semifinal game.

The semifinal and final games for all four classes were played back-to-back at Romulus High School.

# Baseball

FROM PAGE 16

in the outfield and see time on the mound while Jermel Deucharme could see time at third base and behind the plate.

“The seniors will bring the most talent to the team,” Jager said. “All of them are third-year varsity players and will have a hand up on hitting.”

Younger players will round out the rest of the roster:

Carl Roscoe, junior Jacob Eggers, sophomore Larry Horne

and Eric Smith could all see some time in the outfield. Corey Haynes and Larry Nastal might have to battle it out for first base. Steven Hicks and Chad Williams could secure infield positions at second and third respectively. Williams could see some time behind the dish, too.

It looks like freshmen Levi Adams will get the nod at short-stop. So far, Jager has been impressed with his play.

“He has a lot of raw talent,” he said. “I’m excited to be able to work with him for the next four years.”

With the Eagles’ season open-

er is scheduled for 4:30 pm on Monday, April 3 at Ypsilanti Lincoln, Jager said he still has a few positions to solidify.

He likes what he sees in his young team and is excited to get to work.

“I have a lot of dedicated student athletes,” he said. “A lot of them are willing to stay late and come to practice early.”

“We’re all excited about the year,” he added. “We’re young but young isn’t necessarily a bad thing.”

Romulus’ home opener is set for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5 against Ypsilanti Willow Run.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Lieutenant Brooks, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-two (22).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of March 6, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 6, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2006 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor King read a press release regarding the vacancy of the position of Township Board Trustee left by John A. Herman who no longer resides in the township: The Township Board must, in an open, public meeting appoint an individual to serve as Trustee no later than Monday, April 24, 2006. Further, the Supervisor read a statement of purpose regarding the Appointment of Trustee Position process. Individuals interested in a Board-appointment to the Trustee position are asked to submit a Trustee Appointment Application to the Supervisor no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2006. Appointment packets are available in the Clerk’s Office. The individual appointed to the position of Trustee would serve as Trustee until 12 noon on November 20, 2006 at which time the voters would have elected someone to serve as Trustee at the November 7, 2006 Gubernatorial General Election. Clerk Payne stated the individual appointed by the Township Board, as well as other interested parties may seek election to the Trustee position to fulfill the remainder of the term through November 20, 2008 by filing Nominating Petitions and Affidavit of Identity by the Tuesday, May 16, 2006, 4:00 p.m. filing deadline. For further information contact either the Supervisor’s Office at 734.699.8910 or the Clerk’s Office at 734.699.8909.

On March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. the Planning Commission invites the public to attend and participate in a meeting and discussion as part of the Planning Commission’s project to update the Master Land Use Plan for the southern half of Van Buren Township, between the I-94 Corridor and Bemis Road to the south; and Rawsonville Road to the west to Hannan Road on the east. The meeting will be held at South Middle School located at 45201 Owen Street. For further information, residents can contact the Department of Developmental Services at 734.699.8913 or visit [www.VanBurenMP.com](http://www.VanBurenMP.com).

Yard waste pick-up in Van Buren Township will begin the first full week of April, starting April 3rd.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, April 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Huron High School located at 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston in Huron Township. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

The September Days Senior Center has begun a new transportation program for senior adults in Van Buren Township. This program will assist seniors in getting to their doctor’s appointments. Transportation will be available on Monday and Wednesday to St. Joseph Mercy, University of Michigan and Veteran’s Hospital. Transportation on Thursday will go to Annapolis and Oakwood Hospital. The hours are 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advanced by calling Mindy Waddle in the Senior Center Office at 734.699.8918.

Supervisor King stated the township is in receipt of correspondence from the townships general liability insurance provider Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) regarding the RAP grant program which the Public Safety Department has been awarded to offset the cost of the following: an in-car camera, stop sticks, and educational training.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-21-06(1) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone approximately 21.23 acres of land area known as V125-83-010-

99-0007-000, V125-83-010-99-0008-000 and V125-83-010-99-0010-000 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial). Carried.

\*(A copy of Ordinance 03-21-06(1) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-21-06(2) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone approximately 13.39 acres of land area known as V125-83-010-99-0001-000 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial). Carried.

\*(A copy of Ordinance 03-21-06(2) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the permit application by SBC to construct underground telecommunication infrastructure in public right of ways in the Township permit number UT5618940/M63107/06-130 to install and construct approximately 186 lineal feet of underground telecommunication and related infrastructure within an area of the Tyler Road right of way, west of Haggerty Road and east of Morton-Taylor Road. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-10 to transfer ownership of 2005 Class C licensed business, reference number 329555 located at 49345 S. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI 48111, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, from BRK, Inc. to R & C Land, Inc. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-11 the District Library Planning Committee, and to appoint Treasurer Budd and Trustee Jahr to serve as Van Buren’s representatives on the Committee. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve the Dispatch Service Agreement between the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township, and to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the creation of ‘at will’ positions of Information Technology Director and Public Safety IT Coordinator; the job descriptions for these positions; and to authorize the Supervisor to commence the advertising and selection process to fill these new positions. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the March 21, 2006 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor King ordered the February 2006 Public Safety Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There is an Election on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 where voters in the Van Buren Public School District will choose two school board members and vote on the renewal of the non-homestead 18 mills. Voters in the Lincoln Consolidated School District will choose one school board member.

The Recreation Department announced the following events: Open registration has begun for summer day camp. Four camps will be held, Tot Camp for ages 4 – 6, Day Camp for ages 7 – 10, Tween Camp for ages 11 – 12 and Club Teen for ages 13 – 15. A Break out with Culture Spring Break Camp will be held on April 17th through April 21st. Also, the Marshmallow Drop will be held Saturday April 8th with a rain day of Sunday, April 9th. Prior to the drop there will be an all you can eat pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the Community Services Gym. Cost is \$5 per person. For further information please call 734.699.8921.

The Southwestern Democratic Club will host a Chili Cook Off on March 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge located at 831 East Huron River Drive.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** The Board acknowledged John Herman for his years of service as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees and wished him well.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Supervisor

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Westland, MI

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1 bike; Jessica Burton  
Space K-14, 1 washer, 1  
dryer, 30 misc.  
boxes/bags, 1 musical  
instrument, 1 stereo,  
1 ladder; Michael Baines  
Jr. Space E-27, 4 misc.  
small appl.,  
4 hshld. furn., 8 misc.  
boxes/bags, 6 other misc.  
items; Kimberly Perry  
Space G-9/10,  
3 misc. small appl.,  
5 hshld. furn., 30 misc.  
boxes/bags, 10 other misc.  
items; Leon Jennings  
Space H-16, 1 hshld. furn.,  
15 misc. boxes/bags, 10  
off. equip., 3 other misc.  
items; Robert E. Perry  
Space P-7A, 2 misc. small  
appl., 4 hshld. furn., 9  
misc. boxes/bags, 3 cloth-  
ing, 1 toys, 1 hand tools,  
1 power tools, 4 rec.  
equip., 1 off. equip.,  
1 exercise equip; Lee A.  
Walewski Space  
P-12, 2 hshld. furn.,  
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4 other misc. items;

Jennifer Manakis Space  
P-24, 1 hshld. furn., 2  
misc. hshld. goods, 12  
misc. boxes/bags, 3 other  
misc. items; Onese  
Treadway Space N-1C,  
1 misc. small appl., 1 TV,  
10 hshld. furn., 10 other  
misc. items; Demond L.  
Martin Space P-36,  
4 hshld. furn., 2 misc.  
hshld. goods, 6 other  
misc. items; LaDonna  
Cunningham Space  
G-26, 4 misc. small appl.,  
9 hshld. furn., 5 misc.  
hshld. goods, 52 misc.  
boxes/bags, 12 other misc.  
items; William S. Moore  
Space N-4F, 1 washer, 1  
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boxes/bags, 6 other misc.  
items; Ronald Diehl  
Space 813, 3 TV, 5 toys, 8  
hshld. furn., 25 misc.  
boxes/bags, 12 hand  
tools, 1 power tool, 5 rec.  
equip., 6 lawn care equip.,  
20 other misc. items;  
Christopher Leeny Space  
1009B, 2 hshld. furn., 2  
misc. hshld. goods, 1  
misc. boxes/bags, 2 hand  
tools, 1 rec. equip., 1  
rolling tool chest; Kevin F.  
Jensen Space 303A, 1  
misc. small appl., 7 hshld.  
furn., 4 misc. hshld.  
goods, 2 off. equip.;  
Thomas Boyd Space 844,  
1 misc. small appl., 10  
hshld. furn., 80 misc.  
hshld. goods, 15 misc.  
boxes/bags, 8 hand tools,  
2 lawn care equip., 6 other  
misc. items; George  
Ramey Jr. Space 1118, 1  
misc. small appl., 3 hshld.  
furn., 20 misc. boxes/bags,  
15 clothing, 10 rec. equip.,  
10 other misc. items

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